THE MOUNTAIN POST MEDICAL HOME will start seeing patients on February 18th.

The NEW primary care clinic is operated by the US Army Medical Department Activity-Fort Carson and is a community-based medical home that is located where a significant number of TRICARE beneficiaries live.

The clinic is on the first floor of the Patriot VII building in Patriot Park, at 565 Space Center Drive, which is on E. Platte Ave., just west of Powers Blvd., and occupies approximately 14,000 square feet on the north end of the building. It was designed with input from military family members who wanted a clinic that is convenient, provides comprehensive family and pediatric medicine, has easy to obtain appointments, and has a staff that treats them like family members.

To ensure patients receive the care they need, the Mountain Post Medical Home has 35 dedicated government civilian staff members, 6 primary care managers (2 family medicine physicians, 1 pediatrician, 2 family nurse practitioners, and 1 physician assistant), 1 "float" family medicine physician, and a clinical psychologist on staff. Once fully staffed, the clinic will manage the health of 8,124 enrolled patients.

The clinic's staff will provide patients family medicine, pediatrics, behavioral health, pharmacy, laboratory services, and immunizations. Specialty care will continue to be provided at Evans Army Community Hospital, or one of the other Colorado Springs military treatment facilities.

Community-based medical homes are part of the Army's implementation of the Patient Centered Medical Home initiative. This is a model of care improves patient health by more fully integrating comprehensive health services that are delivered by a provider-led team and stresses active patient involvement. Patient centered medical home establishes primary care as the foundation of a system designed to keep patients well and out of the hospital and emergency room.

The Mountain Post Medical Home will improve access to healthcare services, including behavioral health, for active duty family members; it will improve the quality of care and the patient experience through implementation of Patient Centered Medical Home model; improve value through standardization and optimization of resources enabling operations at an economic advantage to the DoD; and it will support the readiness of our Army through its support to our Army Family members.

TRICARE beneficiaries who want to make the Mountain Post Medical Home their primary care clinic, must visit a TRICARE Service Center at Evans Army Community Hospital or at the US Air Force Academy or Peterson Air Force Base. The Evans TSC is located near the west main entrance in room 1011 and is open Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.